War Dates Back to Rulings of TURN FOR BETTER Which Were Objected To.

BATTLE A YEAR OLD.

Big Independent Refiners Refused to Tie Themselves Up With High Price Contracts.

During the last six months the vestigation of the causes back of this cost of living has not declined. price collapse develops the fact that RETAILER NOT WHOLLY TO the mission. The crowd denonuced while it had its inception in economic conditions it has been amazingly accelerated by one of the bitterest busi-

Refining Company, which they own.

up until six months ago the American down. Sugar Refining Company was the all powerful factor in the sugar industry. Since the present price war started !! admittedly has been forced to take losses amounting to many millions of dollars, and its common stock is now selling in the market at the lowest

to have originated more than a year ago, when the sugar industry was under the control of the Sugar Equalization Board of the United States Government. Interested parties are extremely reticent as to the disputes which arose at that time and which engendered so much bitterness. But it is admitted that much bitterness was ongendered. All that can now be learned is that the Sugar Equilization Board, as one interested party puts it, "requested Mr. Spreckles to do certain things he did not wish to do certain things he did not wish to do certain things he did not wish to go on the grounds that they were against the best interests of his company." It is further said that Spreckles charged that the Equalization Board was under the dominance of the American Sugar Refining Company, and that the unfair requests of the beard were inapired by the Sugar Held in \$25,000 Bail pany, and that the unfair requests of the beard were inspired by the Sugar Trusy. According to these interested parties Spreckles at that time became in the determination to settle ac-

HEN SPRECKLES BEGAN TO "GET EVEN" WITH TRUST. fining Company, along with most other refiners, became huge buyers of raw sugar. The demand for sugar in this country appeared insatiable. A serious and prolonged shortage was treely predicted. The market appeared in have no top. When a price of 25 tents per pound was reached Cuban augar growers were so excited by the apparent prospects of a serious shortage that they decided to hold the unsuld baisance of their crop, amounting in 490,000 tons, until the price went to 39 cents. Predictions were made that are small as the state of their crop, amounting the state of their

day, charged with robbery.

On Dec. 11th four men, one of them alleged to have been Schonberger, beld up a card game in the office of the sugar market. While the Sugar Trust was contracting for huge supplies in many instances deliverable months ahead, at high prices, the sprockles concern was satisfied to bother purchasers, keeping a neat more for the sugar, that is, to refine it for their purchasers, keeping a neat more for the sugar and so the street of the sugar, that is, to refine it for themselves.

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Six months ago uncontroliable economic forces made themselves falt.

In a sugar prices unexpectedly began in crack. By the middle of June the price of the raw product had dropped from around 25 cents to below 20 cents. It tumbled to below 18 cents by the middle of July; by September and dropped to below 11 cents, and training sugar, including cost, Insurphos and freight, is now quoted at the following for many years and I am grisved to bear of his

THE CALIFORNIAN IN FINE death. We were associated in Chicago

spricke's concern was one of the few that was not tied up with big stocks purchased at high prices. And with his powerful competitor tied up with his powerful competitors of a year ago. His chief in a position to square accounts for the alleged injustices of a year ago. His chief in the price of the refined product to figures his competitors could match only at the expense of constantly undermining their financial position. During the last two months has persisted in underselling his price he immediately set a new low one. On several occasions he as lowered his price for refined mar twice in one day.

Geing only as far back as Nov. 1

De Spreckles concern quoted a price of the consumer. Yesterday the Spreckles interests reduced their wholesale price to 7.90 cents and predict still lower prices.

TRUST MUST STILL CONTINUE PAYING FOR 20-CENT SUGAR.

Since then the price war has waged merrily on to the huge material benefit of the consumer. Yesterday the Spreckles interests reduced their wholesale price to 7.90 cents and predict still lower prices.

It is claimed for them that current transactions render a highly satisfactory profit, inasmuch as they are in a position to be liberal purchasers of the raw product at present low prices.

On the other hand, the American

(Continued From First Page.)

IN BUSINESS DUE

farmers and manufacturers find it wholesale price of refined sugar has necessary to take lower prices for epithets at Greek sallors, whom they dropped from around 25 cents a pound their wares, the cost of goods sold to less than 8 cents. The value of the in the retail stores is not materially. Cuban sugar crop alone has depre- reduced. The farmer insists that he the headquarters of the Greek miliciated approximately \$800,000,000. In- can't take lower prices because his tary mission for the declared pur-

BLAME, IT IS SAID. But in defense of the retailer who bought his goods at high prices and offices of the Royalist newspaper ness wars in the history of the sugar feels, that he must get rid of them Patris, wrecked the building and deindustry, with many millions involved. somewhere near original cost, the stroyed the presses. The Venizellat On one side of this business battle opinion is volunteered again and Gen. Youannou, commander of the is the American Sugar Refining Com- sgain that while the retailer may Smyrna Army, was carried through pany, commonly known as the Sugar generously take some losses on the the streets by a crowd which ac-Trust. On the other is the Spreckies goods which he has on his shelves he claimed the Allies and former Prefamily, headed by C. A. Spreckels, op- cannot afford to take much of a mier Venizelos. erating through the Federal Sugar chance when rent and labor and fuel and other items that enter into his Press).—The Cabinet has received a Since its organization in 1887 and overhead show little sign of coming wireless message from the cruiser

> If the retailer is blocking the readjustment, it is said in his benalf that the reasons are to be found in bers o fthe royal family, including the cost of clerical labor and light and heat and street car fares and delivery wagons and kindred items.

Such institutions as the Federal price recorded in more than twenty years. It is said in the sugar trade that the company's prestige has been serously shaken.

The present price war may be said to have originated more than a year ago, when the sugar industry was under the control of the Sugar Equalisation Board of the United states.

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Held in \$25,000 Bail Each.

Magistrate Schwab in Yorkville Court to-day praised Patrolman Court to-day praised Patroiman the result of information which was Rinschler for making an arrest, and brought out by the Lockwood comsaid he hoped the prisoners would mittee that the firm had been a mer ber of the John T. Hettrick "code practice." In his letter relating Enbeduent developments in the never see freedom again. He held again market gave him his desired Andrew Sheridan, twenty, of No. 400 prortunity. During the latter part East 57th Street, who was released in the Company, along with most from Elmira three days ago, and they refiners, became hure buyers John Company. Andrew Sheridan, twenty, of No. 400 practice." In his letter relating to School No. 29 the Corporation Countries 57th Street, who was released that although Charles A. from Elmira three days ago, and Commissioner of Assumined before the

to 30 cents. Predictions were made that raw sugar would go as high as "home" is the Lenox Baths, raigned in Jefferson Market and sugar as was obtainable at and shays. 25 cents are round. 'home" is the Lenox Baths, was arraigned in Jefferson Market Court to-

dence, No. 530 West End Avenue, but \$30,000 damages. The case was dis-

years and I am grieved to learn of his well suppose that no motorman would CONDITION FOR A FIGHT.

When prices began to tumble the spricke's concern was one of the law that was not tied up with big stocks purchased at high prices. And with his powerful competitor tied up with a big inventory and unable to take advantage of a falling market,

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GREEKS IN RIOT OVER THE RETURN OF CONSTANTINE

Mob in Constantinople Attempts to Lynch Commander of Royalist Forces.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 18 (Assciated Press) .- The Greeks of Constantinopic manifested their strong feeling against Constantine in a damorous demonstration, which culminuted in street fighting. Those friendly to Constantine were so oughly handled that the allied military police were compelled to inter-

Crowds paraded the streets singing the Venigeliat anthem, acclaiming the allied officers and shouting derisive called "traitors."

A crowd attempted to break into pose of lynching Col. Couis, chief of Col. Couzis as a German spy.

The crowd later proceeded to the

ATHENS, Dec. 18 (Associated on which Constantine is returning to Athens, saying that rough seas had been encountered and that all mem-Constantine, were seasick.

The vessel has slackened speed onstantine sent a personal message saying he was anxious to land.

Greek officers in Thrace and Con stantinople, unless they return to the colors, will be declared deserters, i

SCHOOL CONTRACT

Board of Estimate Would Take Heating Job Away From Hettrick Associates.

At the outset of its contract hearng yesterday the Board of Estimate approved and ordered transmitted to the Board f Education the recom-mendation of Corporation Counsel O'Brien that ventliating and heating contracts made with Gillis & Geohegan for Public Schools Nos. 29 and 29 in Brooklyn and No. 11 in Richmond be revoked. The contracts aggregate \$333,260.

The board was able to determine as an affidavit that the firm had agreed to pay any one any money re-ceived under the contrast, other in-vestigations had shown that the firm had agreed to pay money to Hettrick. Mr. O'Brien charged collusion with respect to the three schools and stated that if the Board of Education immediately relet the contract he believed that the change could be made with only brief delay in the erection of the buildings.

CHILD HAS RIGHT TO PLAY IN STREET

Court Decides Boy Had No Reason to Suppose Motorman Would Run Him Down,

The right of a child to play in the streets and to be safe there is upheld y a decision handed down yesterday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Frank Bisogno, nine years old, was on down and injured by a car of the New York City Railway Company. Through a guardian the boy sued for the details have not been arranged missed in the lower court on the ground that the child himself was negligent in being on the car tracks. The Appellate Division, reversing the judgment, said the child "might run him down on a clear day and with no obstructing vehicles without

FELL TEN STORIES TO DEATH.

Retired Banker Was Trying to Take Picture of City Hall Tower.

In his easerness to take a photograph of City Hall Tower lighted up it night, Edward V. Gambler, a retired banker, whose hobby was photography fell from the tenth floor of the building. No. 254 Broadway, last night and was instantly killed. The accident hap-pened shortly after 8 o'clock.
Mr. Gambler, an associate says, o.teo risited his office, Room 1993, on Sun-days and evenings to obtain snapshop-he faccied. he farcied.

Mr. Gambler lived at No. 74 Poulevard, Sammit, N. J., and was sixty years old and suffered from attacks of

TUMULTY TO PRACTISE LAW Refuses Wilson Offer of Justice o

vertigo.

Customs Appeals Court. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.-Joseph Tumulty, Secretary to President Wil-sen, made the formal announcement to-day that after March 4 he will remain in Washington and resume general practice of law. ~

MY DEAR: Here Are Some Interesting Boudoir Accessories Which You

Might Like to Give or Receive for Christmas.

Are You Indulging in This Winter's Fad of Wearing a Flannelette Slumber Robe? Or Have You One of the New Silk Bed Covers?

My Dear:

When the senson approaches Christmas there are few, if any. who can resist the spirit he giftpreparing, in spite of the commonsonse reasoning that up to this time has kept before us the seemingly valueless efforts that we, year after year, put forward for this one day.

There is no denying the fact, however, that Christmas brings much happiness, and if we make our gitts useful ones the enjoy-ment will linger far longer than a day or a week.

Now, every woman, whether she goes to business or spends her hours in luxurious leisure, likes dainty things about her whenever she can have them. Therefore, boudoir accessories are sure to be acceptable gifts. Garbed in a sliken room gown, her tired feet clad in soft, quilted slippers, her head propped in dainty cushions and a prettily bedecked jump at her disposal, I am sure any woman

will gain more enjoyment from her latest novel.

I could tall of no prettier room gown than one I was privileged to view recently, whose type was suitable for the mather as well as for the daughter. It was of gray velveteen, lined with rose-colored Georgette, made in kimono fundation to open up the front. Here the lining revealed lizely discretity, as it did also on the wide sleeves, which were tacked back a little to meaning the property of the little transfer and the little transfer and the little transfer and the little transfer and the little transfer to the little transfer and the little transfer and the little transfer to the little transfer transfer to the little transfer transfer to the little transfer transf There was no girdle, but on each side of the back and from rose-moire ribbon was pulled through eyelsts and brought to the sides to the in long loops and ends, thus confining a slight fullness. The neck was finished plain. This gown could be constructed withgown could be constructed with-out lining, substituting rose satin ribbon for parrow facings on all the edges, with the exception of the lower one, which could be

the lower one, which could be finished with a hem. A gray cord and tassels could the at the sides. Have you seen the newest bedcovers? We used to consider nothing smarter than elegant lace ones, laid over a colored satin foundation; but now come the silk ones, all ruffled and puffed and corded, bedecked with gold lace, ribbon bowknots and padded roses. Really, you know, they are lace, ribbon bowknots and passes rosses. Really, you know, they are delectable affairs that arouse the cravings of any feminine heart. I am afraid there is not much time before Christmas for any one to attempt to make such a spread, but an indulgent mother could give the materials and pledge her time afterward. These pledge her time afterward. These spreads are made with the width of the material passing up the centre, which makes the plecimus to accur on either side and at the bottom. Ge'd lace or ribbon is applied over the seams, with the bowknots and flowers placed either at the centre or at the corners or both. Pussy willow or soft taffeta in rese or dull blue, gray or orchid, for such an affair adds tellingly to one's boulder.

adds tellingly to one's boudoir color scheme.

An attractive pair of bath slippers that is easy to make is formed from the lamb's wood soles which any department store sells and covered with ra'in. Then selfs and covered with Early. Then two straps of satin attached on either side of the sole near the toe are crossed and attached further back toward the heel. Their crossing is marked by a silk flower, and the toes are slipped underneath.

would not a pate blue or pink Would not a pale blue or pink finnnelette nightie appeal to some of you? They are made in the most attractive fashion. Some with lace at neck and sleeves and others with hand embroidery. If this does not strike your faney, perhaps you would like the slumber robes, made in very much the same fashion with higher neck and longer sleeves, that are supposed to be slipped on over one is posed to be slipped on over one's silken nightle or pajamas on these cold winter nights.
They are made kimono fashion,

PRIEST NOT SUPERSTITIOUS.

Father G. Moretto, who represents the St. Raphael Society, which care for Italian immigrants, does not believe in the Friday superatition. Yes-terday he escorted four more Italian ouples to the Marriage Bureau and ater married them in the chapel of

he society. Father Moretto has now married hirty couples in the past fifteen days. ife is rather proud of his work and is looking forward to breaking his record of last week, when he united eleven pairs at one time.



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is gathered across the front. This porties is edged with narrow lace and may be decorated in the corners with applied bowknots of colared ribtion or posebula. Saculder straps of double-faced satin ribbon are attached to the lace building, with reschude or bows marking

with reschids or bows marking their starting places.

The thin girls who have written me asking how to cover their arms in evening dress will like to know about the new armieta which have just appeared. They are made of ostriche in all the evening shades, at none to a ribbon band which clarps about one's arm. The soft tringe of these ostriche flues is most fattering to the arm. Another aemistre was made all of ribbon, in the Lady Fair type that shows a different color on each The band was about an inch wile encrused with ribbon flowers, while from its edge dropped a fringe made of a very narrow with of the same ribbon.
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